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TAGS: ENRG, IN, IZ

SUBJECT: INDIA-IRAQI RELATIONS

REF: NEW DELHI 1140

1. INDIAN EMBOFF TOLD ME INDIAN PLANNING MINISTER DHAR  
WAS PLEASED WITH OUTCOME OF JANUARY VISIT TO IRAQ. VISIT  
HAD STARTED OFF COLDLY AT MINISTERIAL/TECHNOCRAT LEVEL  
WITH NO SPECIAL TREATMENT BEING OFFERED ON OIL PRICE OR  
QUANTITY. HOWEVER, AFTER DHAR'S DISCUSSIONS WITH PRESIDENT  
BAKR AND RCC VICE CHAIRMAN SADDAM HUSSEIN, OFFICIAL  
POSITION CHANGED. GOI OFFERED TO SUPPLY INDIA  
THROUGH 1985, BEGINNING AT PREFERENTIAL PRICE FOR FIRST  
QUARTER OF 1974 OF 10 DOLS PER BARREL. INDIANS OFFERED  
8. IRAQIS THEN CAME DOWN TO 8.50 WHICH THEY CLAIMED IS  
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SAME PRICE THEY CHARGING RUSIANS. INDIA WOULD

PAY CASH FOR AS MUCH AS POSSIBLE, THEN PAY IN GOODS UP TO CERTAIN AMOUNT, AND REMAINDER WOULD BE CONSIDERED LONG TERM LOAN. AGREEMENT NOT YET REACHED BUT ON FEB 4 GOI GAVE INDIAN EMBASSY DRAFT WHICH HAS BEEN SENT TO DELHI FOR COMMENT.

2. INDIAN EMBOFF ATTRIBUTED IRAQI SPECIAL TREATMENT TO FACT THAT IRAQ WANTS TREATY RELATIONSHIP WITH INDIA. IRAQI LEADERS HAD SAID IRAQ'S PARAMOUNT FOREIGN PARTNERS ARE USSR AND INDIA AND IT WOULD LIKE TO FORMALIZE RELATIONSHIP WITH TREATY OF FRIENDSHIP AND COOPERATION. IRAQ IS DISTURBED BY INDIAN RELUCTANCE AND HOPES TO OVERCOME IT. IRAQ IS PRESSING FOR VISIT BY PM GANDHI IN RESPONSE TO 4 YEAR OLD INVITATION. PM'S ADVISORS HAVE COUNSELLED AGAINST HER VISIT ON GROUNDS IT WOULD GIVE RESPECTABILITY TO "MURDEROUS" REGIME.

3. MILITARY RELATIONSHIP CONTINUING TO EXPAND AND NUMBER OF INDIAN AIR FORCE INSTRUCTORS NOW 35. INDIAN CHIEF OF STAFF DUE TO VISIT IRAQ THIS MONTH.

4. PRESS ANNOUNCED THAT ONE OF KEY IRAQI OIL FIGURES, CHAIRMAN OF STATE CONSULTING COMPANY FOR OIL PRODUCTS DR. MEHDI AL-SHEIKH ALI, WILL HEAD DEL TO INDIA WEEK OF FEB 10 TO DISCUSS INDIAN OIL COOPERATION.  
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